

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

DAMION RICHIE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Damion Richie for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Damion Richie is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Damion Richie is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Damion Richie for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN C. FLETCHER, THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS PAUL "HOOK" O'MALLEY MAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor John C. Fletcher, who will be named the Man of the Year by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Paul "Hook" O'Malley Division 4 at their annual gathering on March 1, 2022.

John, the son of the late Elizabeth Charles and Bill E. Fletcher, was born on April 2, 1955 in Niagara Falls, New York. He, along with his three siblings, Bob, Linda, and Beth, attended Niagara Falls schools. In 1972, Bill moved his family to Scranton where he opened Fletcher's Hilltop Garage on Jackson Street. John graduated from Scranton High School as a member of the Class of 1972, and in 1973, he enlisted in the Army, earning the rank of specialist E4.

Following an honorable discharge from the Army in 1977, John enrolled at Lackawanna Junior College and earned an associate degree in business management. He put his degree to work by helping his father run the family gas station. John was then offered a position at Tobyhanna Army Depot where he was employed for 11 years.

With retirement on the horizon for his father, John resigned from Tobyhanna Army Depot to return to the family business in 1989. He kept the family business running with his brother, Bob, and, this year, the garage will celebrate its 50th anniversary of servicing vehicles in West Scranton.

John has always been an active member of his community, generously lending his time and talents to many organizations to support their mission. He is a former parishioner of St. David's Church and currently attends St. Patrick's Church in West Scranton where he is also a member of the Holy Name Society. He has been a longtime supporter of youth sports, volunteering his time to Little League baseball and the Trips Park Miss E League. John is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and a 30-year member of the Scranton Pool League. John has also served three decades as a judge of elections. Seeking to connect with his Irish heritage, he joined with his fellow Irish American Scrantonians to charter the Ancient Order of Hibernians Paul "Hook" O'Malley Division 4. Throughout the history of the Division, he has held many offices and is the current Shillelagh Man of the Year. His brothers in the Division recognize him as a dedicated and beloved member who would do anything for his fellow members or community at large.

John is the proud father of five children, Nina, Jonathan, Matt, Megan, and Ryan. He is known for being a loving father, a loyal friend, and for caring deeply about his fellow citizens.

I am honored to join with the Ancient Order of Hibernians Paul "Hook" O'Malley Division 4 in recognizing John as the Man of the Year. Selfless and hard-working Americans like John make our region a better place to live and work, and I am grateful for his service to his country and his community.

HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE SUMGAIT POGROMS

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, as the world contends with multiple crises—from Ukraine to Yemen to Afghanistan and so many others—I feel it is important to pause and take time today to remember what is at stake and remind ourselves why our fight for a peaceful world free of violence, discrimination, and hate is so important.

February 27th to the 29th marks the 34th anniversary of the Sumgait Pogrom which took place during the collapse of the Soviet Union in the Azerbaijan SSR. The massacres—part of a wider tragic history of intercommunal conflict between ethnic Armenians and Azerbaijanis—marked one of the first major outbreaks of ethnic-based violence as the USSR began to disintegrate.

On this, the 34th anniversary, our world still struggles with the evils of war, nationalism and unjustifiable hatred. I take, and encourage all my colleagues to take, this opportunity to recommit my pledge to do all I can to ensure that events like the never again occur.

We have a lot of work to do. Let's move forward more committed than ever for the fight

for a peaceful world rooted in a love for all people.

AMOR FERNANDEZ

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Amor Fernandez for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Amor Fernandez is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Amor Fernandez is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Amor Fernandez for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING ROCHELLE "BUBBI" BERMAN ON HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. BYRON DONALDS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. DONALDS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest congratulations in honor of Rochelle Berman, affectionately known by her family as "Bubbi," who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Born on November 3, 1931 to Jacob and Rose Sattler, Rochelle was raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin alongside her brother, Robert "Bobby" Sattler, a World War II veteran. Rochelle graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1953 and became a teacher for the 3rd and 4th grades.

In 1956, Rochelle met her future husband Alexander (Al) Berman. After a first date to Disneyland, Rochelle and Alexander were later married on July 14, 1957. Rochelle and Al had 3 children together: James (Jimmy), Janet, and Gary. Rochelle is the matriarch of the Berman family: grandmother to 11 and great-grandmother (or "Bibi") to 3. Jimmy and his late wife Marla had three kids together: Al-lison, Leigh, and David. Jimmy went on to marry Jayne and welcomed Lauren and Lexi into the family. Janet built a family with Jay Miller and together they have three children: Tova, Ezra, and Miriam; two sons-in-law: Shmueli and Zevy; and three grandchildren:

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Rafi, Dani, and Eli. Gary married Jennifer and together they had Mia, Josie, and Elliot. Rochelle's family continues to grow, with Ezra's recent engagement to Ariella. And of course, we can't forget Rochelle's love of dogs and her furry family members, past and present: Buddy, Oscar, Sunny, B.J., Cooper, Bailey, Becker, and Hercules.

Splitting time between Marco Island, Florida, in my district, and Mequon, Wisconsin, Rochelle has lived a life filled with love, friends, and family. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring an outstanding citizen, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and cherished friend, Ms. Rochelle Berman, for the inspiring life that she leads. We extend our best wishes to her as she, her family, and friends celebrate her 90th birthday.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MARK POCAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. POCAN. Madam Speaker, I was not present for yesterday's roll call votes in the House, and I wish to state how I would have voted on all three bills had I been present. As a cosponsor of all three measures, I would have proudly voted in the following manner: YEA on Roll Call No. 48: H.R. 2116, the "Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act"; YEA on Roll Call No. 47: H.R. 55, the "Emmett Till Antilynching Act"; and YEA on Roll Call No. 46: S. 321, the "Six Triple Eight Congressional Gold Medal Act".

ELIJAH EISON

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Elijah Eison for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Elijah Eison is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Elijah Eison is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Elijah Eison for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

#### RECOGNIZING YANINA NICKLESS AS STATE OF THE UNION GUEST

#### HON. CHELLIE PINGREE

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Yanina Nickless, who is my invited guest for President Biden's 2022 State of the Union address. Yanina lives in my district, but her family is home in Ukraine fighting for their lives and for democracy amid Russian invasion.

For the past week, Vladimir Putin has attempted to violently overthrow a sovereign democracy. But it's the countless examples of courage by Ukrainians like Yanina's family that has united the free world—rallying behind democracy and against autocracy—as the Ukraine people defend their homeland. As Yanina told me, "Every day I wake up, I hope my parents wake up too. I'm staying strong for them and for my country and I believe in the USA and in the world. Thank you, Congresswoman PINGREE and President Biden, for not being silent and for supporting a democracy in Ukraine. Ukrainians will never forget."

It is truly an honor to have Yanina join me tonight as President Biden further unites our nation with his State of the Union address. Yanina and her family's heartbreaking story deserves to be heard on the global stage—joining a chorus of courage in the fight for freedom. Under President Biden's leadership, the U.S. stands firmly against Russia's unprovoked war.

#### WELCOME HOME VETERANS DAY

#### HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and include in the RECORD a proclamation from the County Commission of Fall River County, South Dakota, designating March 29, 2022, as "Welcome Home Veterans Day."

A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MARCH 29, 2022, AS "WELCOME HOME VETERANS DAY"  
(By Fall River County Commission)

Whereas, the Vietnam War was fought in Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, and involved North Vietnam and the Viet Cong in conflict with the United States Armed Forces and South Vietnam; and

Whereas, the United States became involved in Vietnam because policymakers in the United States believed that if South Vietnam fell to a Communist government then Communism would spread throughout the rest of Southeast Asia; and

Whereas, members of the United States Armed Forces began serving in an advisory role in the South Vietnamese in 1961; and

Whereas, as a result of the Gulf of Tonkin incidents on August 2, 1964, and August 4, 1964, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution on August 7, 1964, which effectively handed over war-making powers to President Johnson until such time as "peace and security" had returned to Vietnam; and

Whereas, in 1965, United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat troops from Vietnam; and

Whereas, by the end of 1965, there were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam, and by 1969 a peak of approximately 543,000 troops was reached; and

Whereas, on January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed, which required the release of all United States prisoners-of-war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; and

Whereas, on March 29, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam; and

Whereas, more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 members of the Armed Forces were wounded; and

Whereas, members of the United States Armed Forces, who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War, were caught upon their return home in the crossfire of public debate about the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, it was also the first time in history America failed to welcome its veterans back as heroes; and

Whereas, the establishment of a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" would be an appropriate way to honor those members of the United States Armed Forces who served in Vietnam during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, Hot Springs, SD, in Fall River County is known as the Veterans Town; and

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Fall River County Commissioners do hereby recognize March 29, 2022, as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." The Fall River County Commissioners further honors and recognizes the contributions of veterans of the Armed Forces who served in Vietnam."

DESTINY BEAUMONT

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Destiny Beaumont for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Destiny Beaumont is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Destiny Beaumont is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Destiny Beaumont for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.